

ChainLincs



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Cover Photo

Being the Editor has its perks! My faithful 1250 RT was swapped for this funky looking 1250 GS – an early retirement present (well that's my excuse).

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER



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Happy New riding Year to you all and welcome to the February edition of ChainLincs. January has been a chilly month so although I had planned to put a ride on that was thwarted by the weather not turning warmer when it was originally forecast to do! Hopefully February will be a better riding month.

I am sure you will all have seen my email (check your spam/junk folder if not) but the news this month is that we are starting monthly social evening meetings again. These will take place on the first Tuesday of the month at The Bottle and Glass in Normanby by Spittal starting at 2000hrs. The first will be on 7 February. Hope to see some of you there. The venue is bigger than our previous meeting places so hopefully we won't feel quite so crammed in. For those that don't know the area the road off the A15 for Owmbly is much better than the road to Normanby itself of the A15.

Every month I thank Stuart and Michelle for putting together another great edition of ChainLincs and every month I ask for anything you have that could be included. The December edition was jam packed so thanks to those that contributed and keep the articles coming. it really does make their life easier.

There were a couple of test passes in early December so congratulations to Gerry Williams and Gill Matheson. Their path to achieving their test was not the quickest for various reasons but they persevered and got there with Gill also achieving a F1rst. Three observers contributed to Gerry's training so thanks to Phil Niner, Dave Kerr and finally Will Field. Gill only had two observers, once again they were Dave Kerr and Will Field so thanks guys, we really appreciate the great work the observers do.

The observers are the backbone of the group, without them we wouldn't be able to carry on with our part in making safer riders. If you fancy being an observer come along to an observer meeting. Observer meetings are now evening meetings normally on the last Wednesday of the month. If you fancy being an observer and want more details please give our Chief Observer, Jerry Neale, a ring on 07412 935333. He will be happy to talk to you.

As most of you are aware Dave Kerr had a car pull out on him last year and was seriously injured hence Gerry and Gill needed another observer. Dave is on the mend and hopefully we'll see him on two wheels again soon. More recently Alan Pugh organised a ride in early January and whilst leading the ride he had an off as well and ended up in hospital for a few days. Hopefully he will also be back on two wheels again soon. Although in Alan's case

nobody else was involved, for those that have FaceBook you may have seen the video of his crash and there is no way he could have anticipated or expected that to happen. It really does make you aware of how easily these crashes can happen.

Three new members since my last Chairman's Chatter in December. Welcome to Anthony Emmett from Burton-upon-Stather, Chris Pursey from Marshchapel and Liz Cousins from Gainsborough. Liz is a full member having moved to the area. Hope to meet you all at a ride or social meeting soon.

Not a lot of rides in December or January in the end. Four of us were at the WAVE on 11 December for the regular observed ride but due to the fog we decided not to ride and just stood in the cold chatting, drinking coffee and eating bacon baps for an hour or so, and then went home!



The next Group observed ride is from the Ancholme Leisure Centre in Brigg on 12 February. As we are deep into Winter we have traditionally started these rides a little later so meet at **1130hrs** for prompt departure at **1200hrs**. If anybody is willing to lead a ride then please step forward before then or on the morning. It would be nice to see some associates there to take advantage of riding with a group or even going off on a one to one with a different observer than they normally have.

The next regular social ride is on 26 February meeting at two locations, the Homestead Pub, Bracebridge Heath (LN4 2RS) and Barney's Diner (DN38 6LB) both for **departure at 1000hrs**.

We now have in excess of 180 members so it would be great to see more of you at some of these rides, us regulars don't bite and we are a friendly bunch that it seems like to drink tea and coffee, eat cake and ice cream so come along if you haven't been before, you might enjoy it.

As some of you may be aware the WAVE has now shut as the current cabin has been condemned as well as the lease expiring. There are moves afoot to renew the lease and put some form of burger van or cabin on the site but there is no timeline on this happening. Fingers crossed it will happen reasonably soon as it would be a shame to lose such a great facility. In the meantime we will meet at The Homestead in Bracebridge Heath for regular monthly social rides and once every three months for observed rides.

If you want to prove that your riding or driving is still up to advanced standards then why not take the test (actually a reassessment for full members) again. The Fellow membership tier is open to all current full IAM members, it will offer you enhanced recognition and insurance benefits in return for your commitment to keep your advanced skills up to date by retesting every three years. If you are interested have a look at the IAM website www.iamroadsmart.com/fellow.

Please remember the new bank account details so if paying subs through internet banking this is the account to do it to (30-96-26, 67439968, Lincolnshire Group of Advanced Motorcyclists). From now on this is our preferred method to pay subs as it saves John a journey to a bank to pay cash in although cheques can be paid in through the banking app.

For the new, and existing, members don't forget to find our Facebook page Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists [here](#) and ask to join so you can post and join in, and we are also on Twitter at IAM Lincolnshire (@lincsbikers_iam). We now have 135 members signed up to the Facebook page and it is a great way to publicise events quickly and easily and also see what has been happening in the Group.

Stay safe

Mick

The funeral of Peter Serhatlic

Friday 6th Jan 2023, 09:30 on an expectedly bitterly cold, but clear and bright morning saw a gathering to pay final respects to Peter Serhatlic, our IAM area service manager.

There was an escort of 3 police motorbikes blocking off the small road leading to the community church in Mexborough where the service was held.

Stuart Harrison and myself were there on bikes to represent our group and also a further clutch of bikes similarly representing other areas Peter would have worked in. Peter worked long days with many of them supporting more than the biking community.

I didn't count, but I'd guess that there were something like 30 or so bodies like ourselves who couldn't actually get into the church as it inside was packed, such was the attendance and so we stood "guard" outside, missing the eulogy, missing the opportunity to learn a little more about this tireless engine of a workaholic.

I don't know the reason for his sudden death, but donations were being accepted on behalf of the British Heart Foundation, so that probably says enough.

Part of the chat Stuart and I were having covered just how many of these events we've each been to recently and at similarly short notice. There we have it. We're all on a very short fuse I'm sorry to remind you. If there is anything you really want to do, don't delay.

Take care, think safe, ride safe.

Ian Morrison

Observer and Associate

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Welcome to a New year. At the start of a New Year we often look back over our past year and try to improve the in-coming one by making New Year resolutions. As Advanced motorcyclists we should also set our goals for this coming year, we should always be looking to be the best we can with our riding. As time passes post Advanced test, it is very easy to find that skill-fade can creep into your ride, this can be gradual, and you might not spot it.

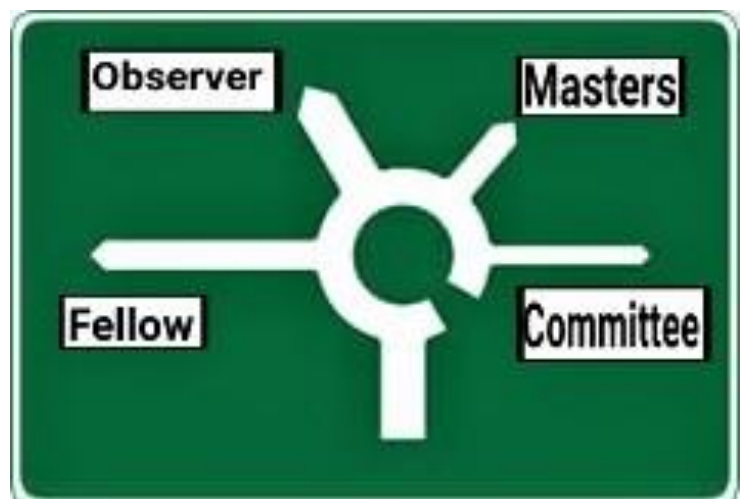
How can we check our riding is still up to standard? Well we do have large team of very skilled Observers here at LAM who will be more than happy to have an hour out riding with you for a one to one session to give you an extra pair of eyes over your riding.

As Observers we regularly get re-assessed from an IAM Roadsmart staff examiner, but we also have a system in place where we frequently check each other's ride. Try to adapt this system into your riding plans on a regular basis. We have Observers all over the county so give me a call if you want to take advantage of this which is free to all LAM group members or try to attend the LAM Sunday morning group Observed rides (details in the events diary).

There are also so many other things open to Full members to do under the IAM Roadsmart umbrella -

- That could be moving onto the Fellow program to keep your standards up.
- Looking at training to become an Observer. Signing up to the Masters course, the highest civilian road qualification.
- Look at joining the LAM Committee, a really great way to give back to the group.
- Iam Roadsmart Skills days are another opportunity to get a better understanding how to get the best out of your machine in a safe track environment, find the dates on the IAM Roadsmart website.

Set your own Goals, doing nothing this year shouldn't be an option.



Has the standard of driving and riding fallen since the pandemic? Reasons to be on our 'A' game

Sometimes while I'm out riding, it seems like the Wacky races out on the roads these days, but the level of lawlessness out on the roads makes for some truly shocking reading, with 2021 being the most dangerous on record.

According to the Ministry of Justice cases of drug driving, speeding and dangerous driving all hit record highs in 2021. Convictions for causing death and serious injury by careless or dangerous driving soared as did the cases where motorists inflicted serious injury while disqualified. In England and Wales a staggering 206 drink and drug driving offences are being committed every day. Drug driving convictions have more than trebled over 5 years from 7,683 in 2017 to 27,962 in 2021.

Also in 2021 there was a 13 per cent spike in drink driving cases, with 33,742 motorists finding themselves before the courts. The figures correspond to a 7 per cent rise in fatalities for 2021, with 1558 people killed in collisions. Chief Constable Jo Shiner, lead on roads for the National Police Chiefs Council has quoted, Dangerous driving convictions have also leapt to the highest level since 2011 with 5,951 in 2021. There has been a 9 per cent rise in death by dangerous driving offences between 2020 and 2021. Convictions for causing serious injury by dangerous driving have also rocketed from 45 in 2013 to a record 604 during 2021.

Similarly, the number of motorists in court for causing bodily harm by furious driving and cases where disqualified drivers have caused serious injury are at an unprecedented high. In England and Wales speeding convictions have increased by 75 per cent from 116,595 in 2011 to 203,545 in 2021. In an indication of growing lawlessness, between 2011 and 2021 there has been an 84 per cent rise in motorists failing to supply information to police when required. In total, in 2021, 732,363 motoring cases resulted in fines or sentences, a rise of almost a quarter on 2020!

Closer to home deaths on Lincolnshire roads rose by 19 per cent from 40 in 2021 to 48 in 2022. Lincolnshire Road safety Partnership are working hard to improve safety and reduce death and serious injury on the roads. Recent initiatives include increased motorcycle training and awareness, and the introduction of Operation Snap, which allows motorists to alert police to potential offences using dash-cam footage. Speed awareness re-education training was delivered to more than 25,000 people in 2022 while the introduction of a Roads Policing Team to Lincolnshire Police is providing a significant targeted police presence while school road safety education is at an all-time high. Lincolnshire has the fifth-longest road network nationally, with no motorways and little dual carriageway with an economy which introduces a range of different road users including HGVs, LGVs, caravans, motorcycles to fast moving single carriageway rural roads.

Do we need to always ride our 'A' game? I sure think so!

This month will see the first Observer team meeting of 2023(details in Event diary) I look forward to seeing all who can make it.

Stay Safe, Jerry

Members Tit Bits

Dave Hall sent this – our groups' mantra perhaps?

Whether the weather be fine
Or whether the weather is not,
We'll weather the weather
Whatever the weather
Whether we like it or not.

(Gregory Botolino)

Roads, Routes and Rides

This section is for any of our members to share favourite Roads, interesting or challenging Routes or even GPX files with “mystery tours”. GPX files are the preferred file format for Garmin Sat Navs / Zumo / Tom Tom. I don't think they work on iPhones but I could be wrong.

If you send a GPX file to me I'll put on our websire and link it here in the news letter.

C'mon – you know you want to show off – and don't forget to include your favourite cake stop too!

RIDE OF THANKS

A constant reminder about this year's Ride of Thanks – a date for our diaries

Sponsored by Robin Hood HD & Webbs of Lincoln.

WEBBS
MOTORCYCLES

RIDE OF THANKS

3rd September 2023
Newark Showground, NG24 2NY
Departing: 10.30am
Registration: £10 per Bike
Plus booking fees
Contact: rideofthanks@yahoo.com

IN AID OF



Charity No 1017501



Promises to be another great day and an ideal opportunity to support our charities, rub shoulders with like-minded people and no doubt eat some cake !!

LINCS & NOTTS RIDE OF THANKS

3rd SEPTEMBER 2023
Newark Showground, NG24 2NY
Departing: 10.30am
Registration: £10 per Bike
Plus booking fees
Contact: rideofthanks@yahoo.com

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Membership Update

Membership Update etc.

Group Web Site: www.l-a-m.co.uk

Good enrolment figures despite the time of year with six new members to welcome since the previous update in the December newsletter:

Member	Observer
1024 Nigel Baddeley from Lincoln	Phil Niner
1025 Laurance Coey from Spilsby	Alan Pugh
1026 Michael Bambury from Revesby	Kev Hewson
1027 Anthony Emmett from Burton-upon-Stather	Alan Knight
1028 Chris Pursey from Marshchapel	Simon Battram
1029 Liz Cousins from Gainsborough	Full member

There are two test passes to report, congratulations on your success and a big thank you to your Observers.

This takes the total for 2022 to thirty one, a commendable achievement the Observer's can be proud of.

Gerard Williams	3 December	Phil Niner Dave Kerr Will Field
Gillian Matheson	3 December	Dave Kerr Will Field

The present composition of the group is as follows:

Full Members	149
Fellows	13
Associate Members	20
Total Group Membership	182

That's all for this month, ride safely:

John Cheetham

Sunday 26th
Lincoln, Group Social Runs – The Homestead, Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath,
LN4 2RS
Barney's Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB
Meet 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00

MARCH

Tuesday 7th Social Meeting – Bottle and Glass. Main Street, Normanby by Spital
Market Rasen. Lincoln, LN8 2HE Meet 20:00

Sunday 12th Group Observed Run - Willingham Woods Picnic Area near kiosk
Meet 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00

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Lincoln, Group Social Runs – The Homestead, Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath,
LN4 2RS
Barney's Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB
Meet 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00

Wednesday 30th Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers
For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)

APRIL

Tuesday 4th Social Meeting – Bottle and Glass. Main Street, Normanby by Spital
Market Rasen. Lincoln, LN8 2HE. Meet 20:00

Sunday 9th
Lincoln, Group Observed Run – The Homestead, Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath,
LN4 2RS
Meet 09.00 for prompt departure at 09.30

Friday 14th Committee Meeting - details to follow nearer the date
Prompt start at 19.45

Wednesday 26th Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers
For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)

Sunday 30th Group Social Runs – Meet 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00
The Homestead, Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln, LN4 2RS
Barney's Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB

MAY

Monday 1st Social ride leaving Caenby Corner truck stop at 18.15
Informal get together so make your own arrangements on the night, regarding
route, run leader etc.

Tuesday 2nd Social Meeting – Bottle and Glass. Main Street, Normanby by Spital
Market Rasen. Lincoln LN8 2HE. Meet 20:00

Sunday 14th Group Observed Run - Ancholme Leisure Centre car park, Scawby Brook,
Brigg,
DN20 9JH
Meet 09.00 for prompt departure at 09.30

- Sunday 28th Group Social Runs –
The Homestead, Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln,
LN4 2RS
Barney’s Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB
Meet 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00
- Wednesday 31st
Observers Regional Evening Run for Observers and those interested in becoming

Four separate runs to reflect Observer groupings.
For information on starting locations contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)
- JUNE**
- Tuesday 6th Social Meeting – Bottle and Glass. Main Street, Normanby by Spital
Market Rasen. Lincoln, LN8 2HE Meet 20:00
- Sunday 11th
near Group Observed Run - Group Observed Run - Willingham Woods Picnic Area

kiosk
Meet 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00
- Friday 16th Committee Meeting - details to follow nearer the date
Prompt start at 19.45
- Sunday 25th
Lincoln, Group Social Runs – The Homestead, Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath,

LN4 2RS
Barney’s Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB
Meet 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00
- Wednesday 28th Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers
For information contact Jerry Neale
- JULY**
- Tuesday 7th Social Meeting – Bottle and Glass. Main Street, Normanby by Spital
Market Rasen. Lincoln LN8 2HE Meet 20:00
- Sunday 9th
Lincoln, Group Observed Run - The Homestead, Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath,

LN4 2RS
Meet 09.00 for prompt departure at 09.30
- Sunday 23rd Group Social Runs – Meet 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00
The Homestead, Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln,
LN4 2RS
Barney’s Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB
- Wednesday 30th Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers
For information contact Jerry Neale
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Group Clothing

There is a wide range of group clothing available to order, with our Lincolnshire Advanced Motorists logo on it, you can also add the IAM logo and a name if desired. There are several colours available, contact Philip Gilbert pmgilbert7@yahoo.com or 07704 168227

Name						
ITEM	DESIGN	SIZE	QTY	Name to be embroidered(leave blank if not required)	PER ITEM	TOTAL
Polo Shirt with	Group Badge				£8.50	£
Polo Shirt with	Group Badge + IAM Logo				£10.50	£
Sweatshirt with	Group Badge				£10.00	£
Sweatshirt with	Group Badge + IAM Logo				£12.00	£
Fleece with	Group Badge				£14.00	£
Fleece with	Group Badge + IAM Logo				£16.00	£
T-shirt with	Group Badge				£7.00	£
Caps	Group Badge				£5.00	£
Beanies	Group Badge				£5.00	£
Colour required:					TO PAY	£

PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED WITH ORDER

